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TO : AD/SO

DATE: 23 April 1951

FROM : Chief, Communications Division

SUBJECT: Reactions to Central Intelligence Agency membership in
Telecommunications Coordinating CommitteeREF : Memorandum to Director, CIA, from S. B. Akin, Major General, USA,
dated 13 March 1951

1. Pursuant to the recommendations contained in the referenced memorandum, wherein membership in the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee is indicated, the members of the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee have been contacted. The approach used was as follows:

(a) Generally, our desire for membership is based upon our deep interest in a strong and adequate total national communications network with emphasis upon certain phases which might vary with our long-range knowledge of the situation. Our need or desire for our own radio facilities within or from the Continental United States is not of great proportions.

(b) Based upon these two premises, we feel that we bring to the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee an objective viewpoint presented by individuals familiar with current and continuing problems.

2. The reactions of the members of the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee as presented in Attachment I indicated an absence of active opposition, with the exception of the Federal Communications Commission. It is quite possible, with direct presentation to Mr. Coy, which has not been possible as yet, that his views will change.

3. There will probably be more opposition from the total membership relative to the Agency becoming a member than the individual responses would lead one to believe.

4. It is recommended that Attachment II be considered as the basis for presenting our request for membership.

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